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# *Sixty-Third Commencement*

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# *Sixty-Third Commencement*

**Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance" .....** **Elgar**  
*Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble*

**National Anthem.....** **Presentation of Colors**  
*ShowMe GOLD Color Guard*

**Welcome and Introductions.....** **Dr. Alan Marble**  
*President, Missouri Southern State University*

**Commencement Speaker.....** **Kevin Williams**  
*CFO and Treasurer of Monett, Missouri-based Jack Henry & Associates*

**Presentation of Class .....** **Dr. Pat Lipira**  
*Vice President for Academic Affairs, Missouri Southern State University*

**Conferring of Graduate Degrees .....** **Dr. Alan Marble**

**Master's Hooding.....** **Representatives from University of Missouri-Kansas City**  
**Northwest Missouri State University**  
**Southeast Missouri State University**

**Dr. Tia Strait**  
*Dean, School of Health Sciences, Missouri Southern State University*

**Dr. Al Cade**  
*Dean, School of Education, Missouri Southern State University*

**Dr. Richard Miller**  
*Dean, School of Arts & Sciences, Missouri Southern State University*

## **Presentation of Baccalaureate and Associate Degrees**

**Conferring of Bachelor and Associate Degrees .....** **Dr. Alan Marble**

### **Presentation of Diplomas**

**Introduction of Degree Candidates .....** **Mr. Jeff Skibbe**  
*General Manager, 88.7KXMS/Fine Arts Radio International, Missouri Southern State University*

**Congratulatory Remarks .....** **Dr. Michael Garoutte**  
*President, Faculty Senate, Missouri Southern State University*

**Announcement of Academic Honors .....** **Dr. Pat Lipira**

**Turning of the Tassel.....** **Mr. Mark Lloyd, '99**  
*Dean of Engagement and Retention*  
*President, Missouri Southern Alumni Association Board of Directors*

**MSSU Alma Mater (See page 16) .....** **Amelia Markley**  
*K-12 Vocal and Instrumental Music Education, Joplin*

**Recessional "Sine Nomine" .....** **R.V. Williams & E. Rosenberg**  
*Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble*



## *About Our Speaker*

**K**evin Williams is Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of Monett, Missouri-based Jack Henry & Associates (NASDAQ: JKHY), a leading provider of computer systems and electronic payment solutions primarily for financial services organizations. With more than 40 locations across the United States, JHA serves over 11,300 clients and employs approximately 5,600 associates.



**Kevin Williams**

Williams began his career in 1987 at the Joplin, MO office of BKD, LLP, where he passed the CPA exam and rose to the level of Senior Manager. Jack Henry & Associates was one of his clients at BKD, and in July of 1998 he decided to join JHA as Corporate Controller.

He was named Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer in January 2001, and in his role is directly responsible for accounting, finance, treasury, Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filings, tax filings, investor relations, and the Travel and Corporate Services departments.

Williams was born and raised in Nevada, MO and later attended Missouri Southern State University where he graduated in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration – emphasis in Accounting. For years he has served on the MSSU School of Business Advisory Board, helping guide its strong reputation as a top business school. He received the MSSU “Outstanding Alumni Award” in 2007. Additionally, Williams has served on the board of several not-for-profit organizations, from small local organizations to one international organization.

Williams lives in Monett with his wife, Toni, and their daughter, Tallie. He enjoys spending time with his family, traveling, golf, snow skiing, bicycling, watching sports, and officiating at swim meets throughout the year.



# *Cooperative Graduate Programs*

Missouri Southern State University/Northwest Missouri State University

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## ***Master of Science in Education***

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**Ball, Holly Lynn**

Instructional Technology  
Joplin

**Curtis, Amanda Erin**

Instructional Technology  
Webb City

**Davidson, Jessica Carol**

Instructional Technology  
Joplin

Missouri Southern State University/Southeast Missouri State University

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## ***Master of Science in Criminal Justice***

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**Love, Matejia Sianna**

Criminal Justice  
St. Louis

**Powell, Monte Selvan**

Criminal Justice  
Temecula, CA

**Ruckman, Joshua David**

Criminal Justice  
Omaha, NE

Missouri Southern State University/University of Missouri-Kansas City

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## ***Master of Science in Nursing***

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**Baker, Sarah R.**

Nursing  
Webb City

**Copeland, Kelly E.**

Nursing  
Nixa

**Stanley, Peggy L.**

Nursing  
Siloam Springs, AR

**Benford, Ashley Michelle**

Nursing  
Joplin

**Monnig, Cira Clement**

Nursing  
Ozark

**Stites, Rae L.**

Nursing  
Anderson

**Byrd, Natasha Nicole**

Nursing  
Webb City

**Norman, Somer A.**

Nursing  
Republic

**Chambers, Christine A.**

Nursing  
Joplin

**Schatz, Nathan Philip**

Nursing  
Springfield

**Conner, Christine Elizabeth**

Nursing  
Webb City

**Snowden, Seth Ryan**

Nursing  
Republic

# *Candidates for Honors & Degrees*

## *Baccalaureate Degrees*

### *Summa Cum Laude*

**Grade point average 3.90 or above**

Benton, Jacob ‡  
Davidson, BriAnna  
Harper, James  
Larson, Ashley ‡ †

Lemon, Vanessa  
McFarland, Ashleigh  
Miller, Lindsey  
Russell, Molly ‡

Schmidt, Gretel  
Sneed, Chelsea  
Stump, Ethan ‡  
Thompson, Raycee

Witt, Rondle

### *Magna Cum Laude*

**Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89**

Blackburn, Brandon  
Bott, Mary  
Cummins, Shelby †

Gibbs, Melissa  
Gonzalez, Amber  
Grab, Logan

Hammons, Elizabeth †  
Karki, Sushant  
Otero, Jason

Roelfsema, Toby  
Starr-Kercheval, Chase †  
Street, Caleb

Sullivan, Shelby

### *Cum Laude*

**Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79**

Aton, Candice  
Bailey, Donald  
Bandy, Nicole  
Coltress, Kelsey

Cox, Chase  
Denefrio, Jordan  
Holland, Matthew  
Monroe, Bradley

Morgan, Lea  
Phillips, Addy J. \*  
Pulsipher, Matthew  
Rearrick, Dianna

Thompson, Sarah  
Young, Keshia

## *Associate Degrees*

### *First Honors*

**Grade point average 3.90 or above**

Harper, James

Miller, Lindsey

### *Second Honors*

**Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89**

Otero, Jason

### *Third Honors*

**Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79**

Bailey, Donald



# *School of Arts & Sciences*

## **Bachelor of Arts**

**Blackburn, Jessica Hope**

English-Literary Studies,  
English-Creative Writing  
Colorado Springs, CO

**Cruzan, Kyle John**

International Studies  
Joplin

**Denefrio, Jordan Bethany**

International Studies  
Carthage

**Dirks, Quinn P.**

Music  
Joplin

**Freeborn, Ericka Nicole**

Spanish  
Joplin

**Gregory, Lindsey Ann**

Art-Visual  
Joplin

**Leiser, Dawn**

Theatre  
Reeds

**Morgan, Lea Sydney**

French  
Joplin

**Morton, Ashley Ann**

Spanish  
Duenweg

**Page, Brittainy Marie**

International Studies  
Springfield

**Peterson, Linda F.**

Sociology  
Canada

**Pulsipher, Matthew Wells**

Spanish  
Joplin

**Reaves, Samantha Lea**

English-Prof/Tech Writing,  
English-Literary Studies  
Webb City

**Tao, Zhengyuan**

Music  
China

**Topel, Katie Jo**

French, International Studies  
Duenweg

**Velez, Haley Renae**

Chemistry  
Joplin

**Webber, Austin**

International Studies  
Joplin

**Wilson, Edmund Gipson**

History  
Joplin

## **Bachelor of Fine Arts**

**Baumann, Devon Lauren**

Art-Studio  
Joplin

**McDonald, Jacque Lynn**

Art-Studio  
Reeds

## **Bachelor of Science**

**Aton, Candice LeAnn**

Biology  
Webb City

**Ayres, Stephanie Jo**

Criminal Justice Administration,  
Juvenile Justice  
Carthage

**Bailey, Brendan Patrick**

Biology  
Joplin

**Bailey, Donald G., Jr.**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Pittsburg, KS

**Benton, Jacob Tyler ‡**

Biology  
Wentzville

**Bentz, Thomas Jeffrey**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Neosho

**Bishop, Wesley Matthew**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Polo

**Boswell, Jason Allen**

Environmental Health and Safety  
Grove, OK

**Boyer, Johnny Lee**

Political Science  
Joplin

**Brown, Eldon Willis**

Communication-Mass  
Joplin

**Buckley, David Harold**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Neosho

**Burnham, Nicholas John**

Communication-Mass  
St Louis

**Bynum, Lauren Brittany**

Biology  
Joplin

**Carlson, Christopher A.**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Big Cabin, OK

**Chavez, Rebecca Susanne**

Environmental Health  
Elizabethtown, KY

**Davidson, BriAnna Lynn**

Biology  
Carl Junction



**Davis, Jessica Ann**

Sociology  
Carthage

**Eggerman, Jacob**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Joplin

**Evans, Tonya Kay**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Sulphur Springs, TX

**Fleming, Nyzera**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Montclair, NJ

**Francis, Shavonne Michele**

Sociology  
Joplin

**Garavaglia, Michael Leonard**

Criminal Justice Administration  
St Louis

**Gibson, Lloyd Eugene**

Criminal Justice Administration/  
Computer Forensics  
Nevada

**Gordon, Mark Wayne Jr.**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Webb City

**Hanes, Michael Jay**

Political Science  
Joplin

**Harper, James Clinton**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Willow Springs

**Haut, Emily Jordan**

Biology  
Carthage

**Heidlage, Jessica Lea**

Biology, Environmental Health  
and Safety  
Pierce City

**Hufham, Chelsea Dawn**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Waxahachie, TX

**Jones, John**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Joplin

**Karki, Sushant**

Math/CIS-Computational Math  
Nepal

**Keller, Jarret D.**

Biology  
Owensville

**Kirk, Jennifer Lynne**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Centerton, AR

**Knox, Alicia Diane**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Goodman

**Kyle, Nicholas John**

Political Science  
Baxter Springs, KS

**Lancaster, Tara Jo**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Quapaw, OK

**Lang, Terry W.**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Riverton, KS

**Laster, Jacob Dylan**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Joplin

**Lowe, Michael David**

Physics  
Neosho

**McDaniel, Kaleigh Jean**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Joplin

**Maier, Nicholas Andreas \***

Criminal Justice Administration  
Redwood, CA

**Marriott, Morgan Lee**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Stover

**Mendell, Derek S.**

Biology  
Carthage

**Miller, Lindsey M.**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Shawnee, KS

**Mitchell, John D.**

Biology  
Joplin

**Monroe, Bradley Sean**

Biology  
Carl Junction

**Moore, Evan**

Juvenile Justice  
Joplin

**Moore, Ronald Dean**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Neosho

**Mullins, Kristin Nichole**

Chemistry  
Joplin

**Murphy, Shira Anne**

Communication-Mass  
Neosho

**Norwood, Kylee Melissa**

Biology  
Carthage

**O'Donnell, Abriel Ann**

Biology  
Joplin

**Pope, Erica Suzette**

Biology  
Carl Junction

**Seaton, Jacob Albert**

Physics  
Nunn, CO

**Shannon-Dudolski, Kristen Marie**

Juvenile Justice  
Carthage

**Simkin, Jenny Lynn**

Sociology  
Joplin

**Simpson, Dominique Roshaud**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Mayflower, AR

**Smith, Brittany Kay**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Republic

**Smith, Mandolin Elizabeth**

Biology  
Carthage

**Steele, Shance Colton**

Environmental Health and Safety  
Stockton

**Stump, Ethan Matthew ‡**

Communication-Mass  
Oronogo

**Swann, Ines Lea**

Political Science  
Neosho

**Taylor, Anthony Joe**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Mount Vernon

**Terry, Tyler M.**

Chemistry  
Joplin

**Vance, Belinda Lacoule**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Cassville

**Veatch, McKenzie E.**

Environmental Health and Safety  
Lenexa, KS

**Velez, Haley Renae**

Environmental Health and Safety  
Joplin

**Wagner, Crystal Ann**

Criminal Justice Administration,  
Juvenile Justice  
Duenweg

**Wawrzyniak, Megan Marie**

Sociology  
Joplin

**Wickham, Jason Patrick**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Neosho

**Wicks, Marcus Dwayne**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Wichita Falls, TX

**Wilson, Michelle D.**

Juvenile Justice  
Logan, UT

**Winn, Mikel Adison**

Communication-Public Relations  
Joplin

**Yang, Nhia**

Sociology  
Purdy



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## Associate of Science

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**Ayres, Stephanie Jo**

Law Enforcement  
Carthage

**Garavaglia, Michael Leonard**

Law Enforcement  
St Louis

**Laster, Jacob Dylan**

Law Enforcement  
Joplin

**Taylor, Anthony Joe**

Law Enforcement  
Mount Vernon

**Bailey, Donald G., Jr.**

Law Enforcement  
Pittsburg, KS

**Gibson, Lloyd Eugene**

Law Enforcement  
Nevada

**McDaniel, Kaleigh Jean**

Law Enforcement  
Joplin

**Vance, Belinda Lacoule**

Law Enforcement  
Cassville

**Bentz, Thomas Jeffrey**

Law Enforcement  
Neosho

**Gordon, Mark Wayne Jr.**

Law Enforcement  
Webb City

**Maier, Nicholas Andreas \***

Law Enforcement  
Redwood, CA

**Wagner, Crystal Ann**

Law Enforcement  
Duenweg

**Bishop, Wesley Matthew**

Law Enforcement  
Polo

**Harper, James Clinton**

Law Enforcement  
Willow Springs

**Marriott, Morgan Lee**

Law Enforcement  
Stover

**Wickham, Jason Patrick**

Law Enforcement  
Neosho

**Buckley, David Harold**

Law Enforcement  
Neosho

**Hufham, Chelsea Dawn**

Law Enforcement  
Waxahachie, TX

**Miller, Lindsey M.**

Law Enforcement  
Shawnee, KS

**Wicks, Marcus Dwayne**

Law Enforcement  
Wichita Falls, TX

**Carlson, Christopher A.**

Law Enforcement  
Big Cabin, OK

**Jones, John**

Law Enforcement  
Joplin

**Moore, Ronald Dean**

Law Enforcement  
Neosho

**Wilson, Michelle D.**

Law Enforcement  
Logan, UT

**Eggerman, Jacob**

Law Enforcement  
Joplin

**Knox, Alicia Diane**

Law Enforcement  
Goodman

**Shannon-Dudolski, Kristen Marie**

Law Enforcement  
Carthage

**Evans, Tonya Kay**

Law Enforcement  
Sulphur Springs, TX

**Lancaster, Tara Jo**

Law Enforcement  
Quapaw, OK

**Simpson, Dominique Roshaud**

Law Enforcement  
Mayflower, AR

**Fleming, Nyzera**

Law Enforcement  
Montclair, NJ

**Lang, Terry W.**

Law Enforcement  
Riverton, KS

**Smith, Brittany Kay**

Law Enforcement  
Republic



# *General Studies*

## **Bachelor of General Studies**

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**Allender, Toni E.**

General Studies  
Joplin

**Baker, Theron A.**

General Studies  
Joplin

**Bangs, Kayla Ann**

General Studies  
Pea Ridge, AR

**Berry, Johnny D. \***

General Studies  
Picayune, MS

**Bragg, Lindsey Nicole**

General Studies  
Joplin

**Centeno, Christina Marie**

General Studies  
Tinley Park, IL

**Curtright, Jackson Douglas**

General Studies  
McPherson, KS

**Davis, Lori Lynn**

General Studies  
Wentworth

**Ezell, Derek Christopher**

General Studies  
Lee's Summit

**Farrell, Brooklyn Symone**

General Studies  
Webb City

**Forsythe, Melissa Joyce**

General Studies  
Joplin

**Gibbs, Melissa Marie**

General Studies  
Nevada

**Haskins, Krista Lynn**

General Studies  
Joplin

**Holland, Kara Lynne**

General Studies  
Poplar Bluff

**Holland, Matthew Woodrow**

General Studies  
Joplin

**James, Emily Anne**

General Studies  
Chesterfield, MI

**King, Karsyn Ivy**

General Studies  
Joplin

**Kwapiszkeski, Melissa**

General Studies  
Goodman

**Lynch, Emily Nicole**

General Studies  
Webb City

**Mayden, Chance Steven**

General Studies  
Lockwood

**Mosley, Paula Kay**

General Studies  
Granby

**Nixon, Kendra D.**

General Studies  
Joplin

**Pearson, Courtney C.**

General Studies  
Joplin

**Phillips, Beau Chandler**

General Studies  
Springfield

**Piatt, David**

General Studies  
Neodesha, KS

**Rayos, Kristen Leigh**

General Studies  
Edmond, OK

**Samaraweera, Sathsaranee**

General Studies  
Sri Lanka

**Schneider, Tara M.**

General Studies  
Joplin

**Vaughn, Stephen Martin**

General Studies  
Guyton, GA

**Yassa, Edward Youssef**

General Studies  
Springfield



# Robert W. Plaster School of Business

## Bachelor of Science

**Anderson, Steven Linville**  
Industrial Engineering Technology  
Joplin

**Baker, Jeffrey David**  
CIS-Information Technology  
Aurora

**Carlsen, Aaron**  
Industrial Engineering Technology  
Carl Junction

**Creswell, Travis Thomas**  
Industrial Engineering Technology  
Joplin

**Ferguson, Morgan Scott**  
Industrial Engineering Technology  
Joplin

**Karki, Sushant**  
CIS/MATH-Computational Math  
Nepal

**Mengel, Matt Reed**  
Industrial Engineering Technology  
Webb City

**Otero, Jason Timothy**  
CIS-Information Systems  
Carthage

**Parker, Dennis Michael, Jr.**  
CIS-Information Technology  
Altamont, KS

**Robertson, Keith Austin**  
CIS-Information Technology  
Joplin

**Smith, Isaiah J.**  
Industrial Engineering Technology  
Joplin

**Thompson, Tami Lynn**  
CIS-Information Technology  
Joplin

**Watson, Frank Dewayne, Jr.**  
CIS-Information Technology  
Neosho

## Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

**Ayton, Scott Kenneth**  
Management  
Joplin

**Baldassarre, Alexandra Marie**  
Human Resource Management,  
Management, Marketing  
Webb City

**Beck, Jessica D.**  
Accounting  
Neosho

**Bingham, Christopher Allen**  
Management  
Petal, MS

**Blackwell, Michael Wayne**  
Accounting  
Ash Grove

**Blizzard, Brent Lee**  
Management  
Joplin

**Blizzard, Caitlin N.**  
Human Resource Management,  
Management  
Carthage

**Bloch, Sara Nichole**  
Human Resource Management  
St Louis

**Bullard, Michael Robert**  
Marketing  
Oswego, KS

**Caby, Austin Tanner**  
International Business  
Webb City

**Calton, Zachary H.**  
Finance  
Joplin

**Cox, Chase T.**  
Marketing  
Joplin

**Farmer, Cameron Alan**  
Accounting  
Pineville

**Foulks, Erika Jill**  
Accounting  
Webb City

**Fry, Kaycia Renee**  
Accounting  
Lamar

**Gartman, Pamela Jolene**  
Accounting  
Lamar

**George, Perline Messadis**  
Certified Global Business  
Professional, Management  
British Virgin Islands

**Giarratano, Anthony Robert**  
Marketing  
Joplin

**Gilbert, Tiffani Leann**  
Accounting  
Joplin

**Golden, Kristi K.**  
Management  
Nevada

**Gonzalez, Amber Lee**  
International Business  
Neosho

**Hanlon, Gage Patrick**  
Marketing  
Joplin

**Hargrove, Molly Elizabeth**  
Accounting  
Sherwood, AR

**Hilton, Marissa Anne**  
General Business  
Aurora

**Hollars, James Lee, Jr.**  
Management  
Webb City

**Hurd, Travis A.**  
Marketing  
Branford, CT

**Jeffries, Joel Bowen**  
Marketing  
Nevada

**Jensen, Jade Marie**  
Accounting, Management  
Joplin

**Kiger, Matthew Alan**  
International Business  
Santa Maria, CA

**King, Sheila**  
Accounting  
Diamond

**Kolkmeier, Dane A.**  
Management  
Joplin

**Landes, Nicki N.**  
Human Resource Management  
Webb City



**Laughlin, Tiffany Rose**  
Human Resource Management,  
Management  
Florissant

**Lavore, Jennifer Maile**  
Accounting  
Joplin

**Leibbrand, Cynthia Renea**  
Management  
Neosho

**Lind, Chad Charles**  
Management  
Neosho

**Lindsey, Sharon Joanne**  
Management  
Joplin

**Mansfield, Steven Nicholas**  
Marketing  
Bella Vista, AR

**Marrs, Deborah Lynn**  
Human Resource Management  
Neosho

**Meadows, Kasey Rachelle**  
Accounting  
Branson

**Miller, Adam Leigh**  
Human Resource Management,  
Management  
Carl Junction

**Montgomery, Jessica G.**  
Human Resource Management,  
Management  
Webb City

**Moore, Ashley Diane**  
Accounting  
Diamond

**Myers, Christina Ann**  
General Business  
Joplin

**Parsons, Kelsey Dawn**  
Human Resource Management,  
Management  
Fort Scott, KS

**Patton, Megan Marie**  
Human Resource Management,  
Management, Marketing  
Miami, OK

**Pattysen, Lacy Anne**  
Accounting  
Republic

**Payne, Tyla Jolene**  
Accounting  
Joplin

**Pekarek, Sarah Beth**  
Accounting  
Joplin

**Plank, Brandon Allen**  
Management  
Lamar

**Pulsipher, Matthew Wells**  
Marketing  
Joplin

**Rickey, Shelley DeAnn**  
Human Resource Management  
Webb City

**Ross, Anna Ranae**  
Accounting, Management  
Miami

**Sbravatti, Nelson Antonio Ribeiro**  
International Business  
Brazil

**Severs, Hannah Victoria**  
Human Resource Management,  
Management  
Granby

**Sirmon, Jennings Bryan**  
Management  
Joplin

**Smith-Jones, Cassandra K.**  
Human Resource Management,  
Management, Marketing  
Savannah

**Smith, Severiano E.**  
General Business  
Webb City

**Sosa, Irvin Avidan**  
International Business,  
Management  
Fayetteville, AR

**Stehm, Clayton Seth**  
Management  
Joplin

**Stelts, Bret**  
Management  
Carl Junction

**Stephens, Maxwell H. L.**  
Human Resource Management,  
Management  
Stella

**Strait, Melissa Renee**  
Marketing  
Vernal, UT

**Street, Caleb Wade**  
International Business,  
Management  
Goodman

**Stump, Megan Nicole**  
Management  
Jasper

**Thompson, Grant Marshall**  
Marketing  
Galena, KS

**Thompson, Raycee Kay**  
Accounting  
Joplin

**Walker, Missy Ann**  
Accounting  
Carl Junction

**Westerhouse, William C.**  
Finance and Economics  
Joplin

**Westfield, Anthony Blaine, Jr.**  
Human Resource Management  
Neosho

**Williams, Amanda Beth**  
Management, Marketing  
Farmington

**Wilson, Seager Dalton**  
Accounting  
Madison, AL

**Witt, Rondle L.**  
Marketing  
Appleton City

**Wolfe, Austin D.**  
Human Resource Management,  
Management, Marketing  
Olathe, KS

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## Associate of Science

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**Baker, Jeffrey David**  
CIS-Information Systems  
Aurora

**Canfield, Samuel Quin**  
CIS-Information Systems  
Cassville

**Carlsen, Aaron**  
Manufacturing Engineering  
Technology  
Carl Junction

**Irwin, Jory Dean**  
DDET-Drafting Design Eng Tech  
Lamar

**Law, Jacob Christian**  
DDET-Drafting Design Eng Tech  
Joplin

**Mengel, Matt Reed**  
Manufacturing Engineering  
Technology  
Webb City

**Otero, Jason Timothy**  
CIS-Information Systems  
Carthage

**Parker, Dennis Michael, Jr.**  
CIS-Information Systems  
Altamont, KS

**Robertson, Keith Austin**  
CIS-Information Systems  
Joplin

**Thompson, Tami Lynn**  
CIS-Information Systems  
Joplin

**Watson, Frank Dewayne, Jr.**  
CIS-Information Systems  
Neosho



# School of Education

## Bachelor of Arts

**Burkett, Cheyla Brielle**

Psychology  
Joplin

**Hatz, Caleb Joseph**

Psychology  
Elkland

## Bachelor of Science

**Blackburn, Brandon Lee**

Psychology  
Cherryvale, KS

**Geraghty, Lauren**

Health Promotion and Wellness  
Overland Park, KS

**Larson, Ashley Grace ‡ †**

Psychology  
Seneca

**Starr-Kercheval, Chase Alexander †**

Psychology  
Joplin

**Brossman, Meghan Nicole**

Psychology  
Joplin

**Green, M. Justin**

Psychology  
Neosho

**Prentice Raybourn, Amy Elizabeth**

Psychology  
Powell

**White, Kelly Kendra**

Psychology  
Joplin

**Carlson, Rebekah Irene \***

Psychology  
Carthage

**Johnson, Megan Danelle**

Health Promotion and Wellness  
Carl Junction

**Rearrick, Dianna Lea**

Psychology  
Webb City

**Woods, Jason Robert**

Psychology  
Chanute, KS

## Bachelor of Science in Education

**Alsenz, Elizabeth**

Elementary Education-Social Studies  
Joplin

**Bott, Mary Catherine**

Elementary Education-  
Special Education  
Liberal

**Collins, Mollie Kathryn**

K-12 Education-Physical Education  
Springdale, AR

**DuRossette, Erica Jordan**

Elementary Education-Social Studies  
Joplin

**Arens, Dakota Lee**

Elementary Education-Social Studies  
Bronaugh

**Bresee, Sarah Beth**

Middle School Education-  
Social Studies  
Seneca

**Coltress, Kelsey Jo**

Elementary Education-Social Studies  
Lawton, KS

**Easter, Chelsey Leigh**

Elementary Education-  
Early Childhood  
Carl Junction

**Bandy, Nicole A.**

Elementary Education-Social Studies  
Joplin

**Brown, Chloe Brianna**

K-12 Education-  
Physical Education  
Springdale, AR

**Crum, Jessica Nicole**

Elementary Education-Social Studies  
Carthage

**Fields, Stacy Renee**

Elementary Education-Social Studies  
Hollister

**Barlett, Rachel Danae**

K-12 Education-Vocal  
Webb City

**Carlin, Cody W.**

Middle School Education-Science  
Neosho

**Cummins, Shelby Renee †**

Secondary Education-English  
Neosho

**Fortner, Nathan Ryan**

K-12 Education-Physical Education  
Seneca

**Bennett, Paden Robert**

K-12 Education-  
Physical Education  
Joplin

**Collard, Alicia Rae**

Elementary Education-Social Studies  
Ozark

**Dolan, Christopher Allen**

K-12 Education-Physical Education  
Fort Smith, AR

**Goldschmidt, David Edward**

Middle School Education-Math  
Monett



**Grab, Logan Reanee**  
Secondary Education-English  
Anderson

**Graham, Katelyn Michelle**  
Elementary Education-Social Studies  
Carthage

**Graves, Felicia Denise**  
K-12 Education-Instrumental  
Diamond

**Hammons, Elizabeth A. †**  
K-12 Education-Spanish  
Smithville

**Harris, Casey Patrese**  
Middle School Education-Science  
Purdy

**Henderson, Trenten Xavier**  
Secondary Education-English  
Joplin

**Hensley, Rachel Ann**  
Elementary Education-Social Studies  
Joplin

**Holloway, Megan Katharina**  
Elementary Education-Social Studies  
Joplin

**Huff, Kristin Nicole**  
Elementary Education-  
English/Language Arts  
Webb City

**Julian, Jessica Ann**  
Elementary Education-Social Studies  
Lockwood

**Kendrick, Cassy Marie**  
K-12 Education-Physical Education  
Ponca City, OK

**Kimbrough, Melanie Elaine**  
Elementary Education-  
English/Language Arts  
Miami, OK

**Lampe, Brittany Erin**  
Secondary Education-Biology  
Carthage

**Lankford, Sara**  
Secondary Education-English  
Bentonville, AR

**Lemon, Vanessa Nicole**  
Elementary Education-  
Early Childhood  
Nevada

**McFarland, Ashleigh Taylor**  
K-12 Education-Physical Education  
Rio Vista, TX

**Michel, Katy**  
Elementary Education-Social Studies  
Neosho

**Nichols, Elizabeth Marie**  
Elementary Education-Social Studies  
Joplin

**Owens, Zack D.**  
K-12 Education-Physical Education  
Joplin

**Phillips, Addy J. \***  
K-12 Education-Instrumental  
Clever

**Praytor, Lesia K.**  
Middle School Education-  
Science/Math  
Grove, OK

**Roelfsema, Toby Abram**  
Secondary Education-English  
Seneca

**Russell, Molly Jolene Suzanne ‡**  
Elementary Education-  
English/Language Arts  
Jasper

**Schmidt, Gretel Katrinia**  
Elementary Education-  
Social Studies  
Neosho

**Smith, Taylor Jane**  
Elementary Education-Social Studies  
Webb City

**Sneed, Chelsea Anne**  
Elementary Education-Social Studies  
Seligman

**Stinnett, Aimee Michelle**  
Elementary Education-Social Studies  
Webb City

**Sullivan, Shelby Rae**  
Elementary Education-Social Studies  
Webb City

**Tackett, Steven Michael**  
Elementary Education-Social Studies  
Carl Junction

**Thompson, Sarah Kristen**  
Elementary Education-  
Special Education  
Joplin

**Vore, Adam R.**  
Middle School-Science  
Decatur, AR

**Whitley, Dana Michelle**  
Elementary Education-Language Arts  
Blanchard, OK

**Williams, Curtis M.**  
K-12 Education-Physical Education  
Independence

**Young, Keshia Leann**  
Elementary Education-  
English/Language Arts  
Monett



# *School of Health Sciences*

## **Bachelor of Science**

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**Carpenter, Jay Cary**

Health Science  
Webb City

**Cole, Casey Nicole**

Health Science  
Webb City

**Dobbins, Lisa Marie**

Health Science  
Garfield, AR

**Eagan, Kayla Dawn**

Health Science  
Seligman

**Massey, Tara-Lyn Michelle**

Health Science  
Ash Grove

**Montoya, Jessica**

Health Science  
Rogers, AR

**Obeto, Jude**

Health Science  
Nigeria

**Schulze, Kelsey Erin**

Health Science  
Moundville

**Skahan, Kylee Jo**

Health Science  
Meriden, KS

**Smith, Staci J.**

Health Science  
Carl Junction

**Smith, Twyla J.**

Health Science  
Republic

**Tucker, Chelsea Nicole**

Health Science  
Bentonville, AR



# *Graduates Who Have Studied Abroad*

**Baumann, Devon**  
Sweden

**Brown, Chloe**  
Belize

**Brown, Eldon**  
France

**Burnham, Nicholas**  
France

**Caby, Austin**  
Italy

**Conner, Christy**  
British Virgin Islands

**Cox, Chase**  
China

**Cruzan, Kyle**  
Japan

**Cummins, Shelby**  
England

**Denefrio, Jordan**  
Argentina

**Freeborn, Ericka**  
Ecuador

**George, Perline**  
Italy

**Gonzalez, Amber**  
Italy

**Graves, Felicia**  
Italy

**Gregory, Lindsey**  
Sweden

**Hammons, Elizabeth**  
Spain/Turkey

**Henderson, Trenten**  
France

**Holland, Matthew**  
Germany

**Karki, Sushant**  
Japan

**Larson, Ashley**  
Belize

**McDonald, Jacque**  
Sweden

**Morgan, Lea**  
Canada

**Morton, Ashley**  
Ecuador

**Nichols, Elizabeth**  
Belize

**O'Donnell, Abriel Ann**  
United Kingdom

**Page, Brittainy**  
Japan

**Phillips, Addy**  
Italy

**Pulsipher, Matthew**  
Ecuador

**Robertson, Keith**  
Ecuador

**Sbravatti, Nelson**  
Italy

**Sosa, Irvin**  
Italy

**Starr-Kercheval, Chase**  
Belize

**Street, Caleb**  
Italy

**Sullivan, Shelby**  
Belize

**Tao, Zhengyuan**  
China

**Thompson, Raycee**  
Italy

**Topel, Katie**  
France

**Webber, Austin**  
Japan



# Points of Pride

## HR program celebrates SHRM alignment



A ribbon-cutting was held on Nov. 14 in the atrium of Cornell Auditorium to announce that the HR program at Missouri Southern State University has aligned with the Society for Human Resource Management's educational focus.

The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) recently announced that the university's Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Management with Human Resource Management Emphasis degree fully aligns with the organization's "HR Curriculum and Guidebook Templates."

The ribbon-cutting event also served as the kickoff for the Center for Entrepreneurship's observance of Global Entrepreneurship Week. Five days of activities were offered, from sessions on getting the most out of tax planning and using LinkedIn to writing a successful business plan.

## Drumline keeps the beat at World Series



The drumline at Missouri Southern helped keep the beat for the Kansas City Royals as the team took on the San Francisco Giants during the World Series.

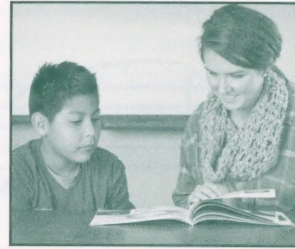
The 17 members of the Royal Thunder – which includes current students and alumni – entertained audiences at tailgate and pre-game activities, as well as during the first, second and sixth games of the series at Kauffman Stadium.

During the Royals' 2011 season, the group served as the team's official drumline throughout the regular season and during the All-Star Game. In September, they were invited to perform at Kauffman Stadium for the playoff game versus the Oakland A's – the team's first postseason game in nearly 30 years.

Brian Fronzaglia, interim head of the Music Department and director of athletic bands, said the invitation was "an incredible experience."

"The cool thing about this is we were the premiere drumline for the team in 2011, we were the first drumline to play at an All-Star Game and we were the first to play at the World Series," he said. "Our students had an opportunity that no other university or program in the world can claim."

## Elementary students receive reading instruction



For the second year, students from two Joplin elementary schools are coming to Missouri Southern to receive extra help in developing reading skills.

Nearly 50 students from McKinley and Irving Elementary are brought to campus one afternoon each week to work with students in the teacher education program.

"It serves as a practicum for Education 343/470 courses," said Dr. Deborah Brown, professor of teacher education. "Our students get experience in administering assessments and delivering reading instruction to them in small groups."

Brown said that the sessions also allow for one-on-one work as well as group learning.

"By having the students come here, it accomplishes two things," she said. "It keeps our students here in the building and it gives the kids an early exposure to Missouri Southern."

## Ribbon cuttings held during center dedication



During this fall's dedication ceremony for the Julio S. León Health Sciences Center, several others were recognized for their contributions to the continued success of the program.

Ribbon cuttings were held for McCune-Brooks Healthcare Foundation Nursing Department, the Pat & Carolyn Phelps Interdisciplinary Simulation Center and the John & Joy Cragin Computer Lab. The Gail & Russell Smith II Endowment for Technical Services Writing was also announced. W. Robert Corley, for whom the Dental Hygiene Clinic is named, was also in attendance.

Also recognized for their contributions to the project were Leland and Donna Browne, Dr. Larry and Elizabeth Deffenbaugh, Dr. Delores and Jim Honey, Anthony and Maridan Kassab, Richard and Teresa Massa, Dr. Charles McGinty, Myron and Janet McKinney, Sara Newman, Mike, Lee and Emma Pound, Bill and Cindy Putnam, Cynthia Schwab, the Sharp Family and Dr. John and Barbara Windle.



# ALMA MATER

Words by Mary Laird,  
Class of '39

Music by Emerson Jackson,  
Class of '39



Our Al - ma Ma - ter, we ho - nor thee,



shap - ing and guid - ing our de - sti - ny.



Af - ter we have part - ed as the years roll by;



we'll keep each me - mo - ry hail, hail to thee.



Missouri Southern State University's "Alma Mater" was drafted during the Joplin Junior College second year by a group that included Mary Laird, Joan Epperson, Enos Currey, Ellen Beasley and Emerson Jackson. Laird was principally responsible for the lyrics while Jackson set it to music. It was first sung during a Class-Day program in 1939.



# *Academic Attire and Regalia Cords*

As early as the twelfth century the first modern universities, at Bologna and Paris, were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of churchorders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head, and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms: some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear gray gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.

The hoods represented in MSSU ceremonies are a combination of colors from each of the collaborating institutions. Traditional colors and corresponding fields of study are:

**Brown:** Fine Arts • **Crimson:** Journalism • **Dark Blue:** Philosophy • **Golden Yellow:** Science

**Lemon Yellow:** Library Science • **Light Blue:** Education • **Pink:** Music

**Purple:** Law • **Sage Green:** Physical Education • **Scarlet:** Theology • **White:** Arts, Letters, Humanities

**Yellow Brown:** Commerce, Business, Accountancy

## **Regalia Cords**

**Alpha Chi:** Gold • **Veteran's:** Red, White, and Blue • **Honors Program:** Green • **Athletics:** Green and Gold

**Nursing Honor Society, Sigma Theta Tau:** Lavender and White

**Dental Hygiene Honor Society, Sigma Phi Alpha:** Purple and Gold

**Criminal Justice Honor Society, Alpha Phi Sigma:** Blue and Gold

**Respiratory Therapy Honor Society, Lambda Beta:** Navy Blue and Green

**National Leadership Honor Society, Omicron Delta Kappa:** Braided blue, black and white

**International Honor Society in Business, Delta Mu Delta:** Braided gold and purple



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